

Department of Energy

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§711.3 Definitions.

The following definitions are used in this part:

Access means proximity to a nuclear explosive that affords a person the opportunity to tamper with it or to cause it to detonate.

Alcohol use disorder means a maladaptive pattern in which a person's intake of alcohol is great enough to damage or adversely affect physical or mental health or personal, social, or occupational function; or when alcohol has become a prerequisite to normal function.

Certification means the formal action the PAP certifying official takes which permits an individual to be placed in the PAP and perform PAP duties. This action is taken once it has been determined an individual meets the requirements for certification under this part.

Contractor means the contractor and subcontractors at all tiers.

Designated physician means a licensed doctor of medicine or osteopathy who has been nominated by the SOMD and, with the concurrence of the Director, Office of Occupational Medicine and Medical Surveillance, approved by the operations office manager, to provide professional expertise in the area of occupational medicine as it relates to the PAP.

Designated psychologist means a licensed Ph.D. or Psy.D. clinical psychologist who has been nominated by the SOMD and, with the concurrence of the Director, Office of Occupational Medicine and Medical Surveillance, approved by the operations office manager, to provide professional expertise in the area of psychological assessment as it relates to the PAP.

Diagnostic and Statistical Manual for Mental Disorders means the current version of the American Psychiatric Association's manual containing definitions of psychiatric terms and diagnostic criteria of mental disorders.

Director, Office of Occupational Medicine and Medical Surveillance, means the chief occupational medical officer of the DOE with responsibility for policy and quality assurance for DOE occupational medical programs.

Drug abuse means use of an illegal drug or misuse of legal drugs.

Flashback means a transient, spontaneous, and often unpredictable recurrence of aspects of a person's use of a hallucinogen that involves dramatic alteration of emotional state, perception, sensation, and behavior.

Hallucinogen means any hallucinogenic drug or substance that has the potential to cause flashbacks.

Illegal drug means a controlled substance, as specified in Schedules I through V of the Controlled Substances Act, 21 U.S.C. 811, 812. The term "illegal drug" does not apply to the use of a controlled substance in accordance with the terms of a valid prescription, or other uses authorized by Federal law.

Impaired or impairment means a decrease in functional capacity of a worker caused by a physical, mental, emotional, substance abuse, or behavioral disorder.

Job task analysis means a statement outlining the essential functions of a job and the potential exposures and hazards of an individual's specific job.

Medical assessment means an evaluation of a PAP individual's present health status and health risk factors by means of: (1) a medical history review; (2) the job task analysis; (3) a physical examination; (4) appropriate laboratory tests and measurements; and (5) appropriate psychological and psychiatric evaluations.

Medical Review Officer (MRO) means a licensed doctor of medicine or osteopathy who has knowledge of illegal drug use and other substance abuse disorders and has appropriate medical training to interpret drug test results. The MRO may also be the designated physician and/or SOMD.

Nuclear explosive means an assembly containing fissionable and/or fusionable materials and main charge high explosive parts or propellants capable of producing a nuclear detonation (e.g., a nuclear weapon or test device).

Nuclear explosive area means any area that contains a nuclear explosive or collocated pit and main charge high explosive parts.

Nuclear explosive duties means work assignments that allow custody of a nuclear explosive or access to a nuclear explosive device or area.

Occupational medical program means a DOE program that: (1) assists in the maintenance, monitoring, protection, and promotion of employee health through the skills of occupational medicine, psychology, and nursing; and (2) maintains a close interface with allied health disciplines, including industrial hygiene, health physics, and safety.

Operations office manager means the manager of a DOE operations office.

PAP certifying official or certifying official means the operations office manager or the manager's designee who certifies, recertifies, or reviews the circumstances of an individual's removal from nuclear explosive duties.

PAP individual means an individual being considered for assignment or assigned to perform nuclear explosive duties.

PAP official means any DOE employee who is involved in the PAP as a manager or supervisor or involved in the certification/recertification process.

Recertification means the formal action the PAP certifying official takes annually, not to exceed 12 months, which permits an individual to remain in the PAP and perform PAP duties. This action is taken once it has been determined an individual still meets the requirements of this part.

Reinstatement means the action the PAP certifying official takes once it has been determined an individual who has been temporarily removed from the PAP meets the certification requirements of this part and can be returned to the PAP and PAP duties.

Semi-structured interview means an interview by a designated psychologist who has the latitude to vary the focus and content of the questions depending upon the interviewee's responses.

Site Occupational Medical Director/SOMD means the physician responsible for the overall direction and operation of the site occupational medical program.

§711.4 General.

(a) PAP certification is required of each individual assigned to nuclear explosive duties in addition to any other job qualification requirements that may apply.

(b) Nothing in this part shall be construed as prohibiting contractors from establishing stricter employment standards for employees who are nominated to DOE for certification or recertification in the PAP.

(c) The failure of an individual to be certified or recertified in the PAP shall not, in itself, reflect on the individual's suitability for assignment to other duties or, in itself, be a cause for loss of pay or other benefits or other changes in employment status.

(d) Personnel management actions based on consideration of technical competence and other job qualification requirements shall be considered only if they are based on behavior that also affects an individual's suitability for the PAP.

(e) Except for the functions in §711.12 (d), (e) and (h), an operations office manager may delegate PAP functions to a deputy manager, assistant manager, division director, and/or area office manager.

§711.5 General requirements.

(a) Each PAP individual shall be certified in the PAP before being assigned to nuclear explosive duties and shall be recertified annually, not to exceed 12 months between recertifications.

(b) To be certified or recertified in the PAP, an individual shall:

(1) Have an active DOE Q access authorization based upon a background investigation;

(2) Sign an acknowledgment and agreement to participate in the PAP on a form provided by DOE;

(3) Be interviewed and briefed on the importance of the nuclear explosive duty assignment and PAP objectives and requirements.

(4) Successfully complete an annual medical assessment for certification and recertification in accordance with Subpart B of this part;

(5) Not have used any hallucinogen in the preceding 5 years and shall not have experienced a flashback resulting from the use of any hallucinogen more than 5 years before applying for certification or recertification;

(6) If a DOE employee, be tested for illegal drugs at least once each calendar year in an unannounced and unpredictable manner under DOE Order